GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CURTAILMENT OF POWER OF GOVERNOR BY M.P. GOVERNMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have decided to limit the powers of the Governor in case of Universities;

(b) if so, the policy of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether it will lead to increase in the political interference in Universities;

(d) whether the State Government have taken this step with the concurrence of the Union Government;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if not, the views of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a): According to the information furnished by the Government of MadhyaPradesh, the State Assembly has approved a Billto this effect in 1999. However, this Bill has not yet got the assent of the Governor.
(b): The Central Government is of the view that the State Governments should not enact any legislation, which seeks to reduce the role of Chancellors vis-Ã -vis State Universities.The powers of the Chancellor to guide the Vice-Chancellors and the University system, in general, should be maintained and further strengthened, wherever necessary.
(c) to (f): Do not arise.